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SUBJECT: GOT PLAYS DOWN DIFFERENCES WITH GREECE OVER AEGEAN

EUCOM FOR POLAD AND J-2

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1. CONSISTENT WITH HIS REMARKS DURING THE PAST WEEKEND
(LAST PARA, REFTEL) - AND BASICALLY IN LINE WITH DEFMIN ISIK'S
OBSERVATION THAT TURKEY DID NOT WANT AN ARMS RACE WITH GREECE
IF IT COULD BE AVOIDED (SEPTEL) - PRIMIN ECEVIT ON APRIL 3

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AGAIN PLAYED DOWN THE GREEK-TURK DISPUTE OVER THE AEGEAN.
ASKED BY A REPORTER WHETHER GREECE WAS MAKING WAR

PREPARATIONS, ECEVIT RESPONDED THAT "WE HAVE RECEIVED NO NEWS OF A SITUATION WHICH WOULD CAUSE US ANXIETY".

2. PRESS, NEANWHITE, CONTINUES EDITORIAL COMMENT ON GREECE (MAINLY DWELLING ON THE THEME OF ALLEGED GREEK PROPAGANDA AGAINST TURKEY), BUT WITH LESS INTENSITY THAN DURING WEEKEND.

3. TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL POINTEDLY REMARKED TO US ON APRIL 4 THAT THE TURK MILITARY WAS EVEN MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE AEGEAN ISSUE THAN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT'S DESIRE TO SETTLE THE DISPUTE BY NEGOTIATION.

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